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AGENT AND SURFACE-TREATED METAL

Examiner: L. L. Zheng

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The relevance of Citations BA and BB can be found in their attached Full Machine English language translations and in their attached English language abstracts. The relevance of Citation BC can be found in Citation AA which claims priority based on Citation BC, in its

attached Full Machine English language translation, and in its attached English language abstract. The relevance of Citation BD can be found in Citation BE which is an International phase of Citation BD and in its attached English language abstract. Citations BA-BD are cited references in the Office Action (copy enclosed) for one of the priority JP Applications No. 2003-403691, which was received on November 20, 2007. The other cited references have been already submitted as IDS of this case.

I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement, except Citation BE, which is an International Phase of Citation BD, and Citation AA, which claims priority based on Citation BC, was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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